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The minutes of October 30 and November 12 were read and approved.

The nomination and election of Bro. M. Victorin, Longueuil College, Quebec, Canada, followed.

The announced scientific program was then in order. Dr. P. A. Rydberg read a paper on "The Distribution of the Montane Plants of the Rocky Mountains." This paper will be published in the Bulletin of the Club.

Meeting adjourned.

B. O. DODGE,
Secretary

DECEMBER 10, 1918

The meeting was held at the American Museum of Natural History at 8:15 P.M. President Richards occupied the chair. There were twenty eight persons present. The minutes of November 27 were read and approved.

The nomination and election of Dr. George E. Nichols, Yale University, and President R. B. von Kleinsmid, University of Arizona, Tucson, followed. No other business was transacted.

The announced scientific program consisted of an illustrated lecture on "The Botanical Gardens at Buitenzorg, Java," by Dr. H. A. Gleason.

Adjournment followed.

B. O. DODGE,
Secretary

THE PLANTING OF TREES AS WAR MEMORIALS *

At the annual meeting of the Managers of the New York Botanical Garden on January 13, 1919, the following suggestions by Mr. Edward D. Adams were approved and ordered printed:

At this time, when permanent memorials to the defenders of our flag by land and sea are being considered throughout our land, and projects for community monuments of various designs are planned, we venture the suggestion that individual, as well as associated, action can effectively and economically be taken in

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honor of all who have served or of those who have made the supreme sacrifice, by planting memorial trees.

Such trees may properly be planted in the front yard, on the street, at the home entrance, in a park, as the decoration of an avenue, in single specimens or in groups of different species for artistic effects of form and color.

As representing sentiments to be long cherished, such memorials would be tenderly cultivated and protected.

Their shade and fruit would yield comfort and satisfaction. Their growth would add value to the home and become an asset that succeeding generations would inherit.

Naturally, only those trees should be selected for memorials to family, school, church, and municipal honor, that will grow best in each locality and of those species that will be appreciated for their beauty, grandeur, long life, and utility.

The number of kinds of trees suitable for memorial planting is large. The widely different climates of different parts of the United States require the selection of such kinds as will grow vigorously, and the character of the soil should also be taken into consideration; such information to those not versed in tree planting can usually be had from the nearest nurseryman or from officials of the Agricultural Experiment Station.

Those who live in homes without available grounds for planting, might contribute to the cost of a tree for its planting as part of a memorial grove in a park or garden.

The selection of the tree, the preparation of the location, and the design of the label or honor roll, may be considered and carried out in family conferences and with the participation of each member.

These preparations should be made as our men return, so that the signing of the treaty of peace may be celebrated over the nation wide by the simultaneous planting of the honor tree of each family and community that has cherished a service flag in the period of our war.

At the New York Botanical Garden, a war memorial plantation of Douglas Spruce, a characteristic American evergreen tree, will be established this spring; about one hundred trees

five feet high having been secured for this purpose. For those who do not have land available and who would like to have a memorial tree planted, the offer is made to designate one of these spruces as desired on receipt of ten dollars, which will cover cost of tree, of planting, and of its care, which will be the same as that of other trees in the Garden.

NEWS ITEMS

Professor Henry Allan Gleason, of the University of Michigan, recently spent two months in the study of North American Ironweeds, the genus *Veronia* and near allies at the New York Botanical Garden. Professor Gleason published some years ago a preliminary revision of *Vernonia* and he is now preparing the manuscript of the tribe *Vernonieae* for the *North American Flora*. Dr. Gleason spent a day at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, where he revised the collection of *Vernonia* in the herbarium of that institution.

Mr. Charles Piper Smith, who has published several papers on *Lupinus* in the *Bulletin*, spent ten days recently in studying these plants at the herbarium of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, and at the Gray Herbarium, Cambridge.

We learn from the Michigan Agricultural College *Record* of the death on December 6 of Miss Rose M. Taylor, instructor in botany at the College.

We learn from the *Evening Sun* that because of the similarity of climate and soil conditions of Texas and the land upon which the Jewish "Republic of Judea" will be built, the Zionist Society has retained Dr. J. J. Taubenhause, plant pathologist of the Texas agricultural experiment station, for a high agricultural post in the new nation.

Much of the data compiled during his service here will be available for use in Palestine, Dr. Taubenhause says.